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Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application(☐ Design ☒ Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title:

INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE WHICH HANDLES A PLURALITY OF RECORDING
SURFACES AND INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD WHICH HANDLES A
PLURALITY OF RECORDING SURFACES

without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:

3. ☒ Abstract 1 page(s).

4. 53 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims);

5. ☐ Specification in non-English language

6. 23 Numbered claim(s); and

7. ☒ Drawings: 13 sheet(s) ☐ 1 set informal;8. ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"9. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following
provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
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(3)		(4)	
(5)		(6)	

10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in

JAPAN

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 2000-340956	November 8, 2000	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
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11. 1 (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☒ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
in U.S. Application No. / filed on _____12. ☐ This is a reissue of Patent No. _____13. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and
do not complete item 14 or 15.)14. This application claims benefit of the following prior US application(s), the contents of which are incorporated
into this application by this reference:

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designated the U.S. and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published under PCT Article 21(2) in
English15. ☐ See the attached Preliminary Amendment, which amends the specification to claim benefit of the above
listed US applications /16. Extension to date: ☐ concurrently filed ☐ not needed ☐ previously filed17. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed (**pre-filing confirmation required**)17(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not
essential to make claim)17(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (Pat-258)

18. ☐ Assignee (optional):

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20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) (Double check instructions for accuracy.):
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21. NOTE: FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS, "X" box ☐ and list additional inventors on attached sheet (incorporated by reference)

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Invention: INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE WHICH HANDLES A PLURALITY OF RECORDING SURFACES AND INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD WHICH HANDLES A PLURALITY OF RECORDING SURFACES

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This is a:

- ☐ Provisional Application
- ☒ Regular Utility Application
- ☐ Continuing Application
 - ☐ The contents of the parent are incorporated by reference
- ☐ PCT National Phase Application
- ☐ Design Application
- ☐ Reissue Application
- ☐ Plant Application
- ☐ Substitute Specification
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- ☐ Marked up Specification re
 - Sub. Spec. filed _____
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SPECIFICATION